GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to legalise the private security agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of such agencies in the country;

(d) whether the Government will have its control on these legalized agencies;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (f): To regulate the functioning of the private security agencies, Central Government proposes to introduce a new Bill, namely the Private Security agencies (Regulation) Bill, 2005 in the current session of the Parliament. In the Bill there is provision to make it mandatory to obtain a licence from the appropriate authority of the State Governments/Union Territory administration to run such agency. Only after such a system is put in place, the actual number of private security agencies will be known to the appropriate authority in the States/Union Territories. The above Bill proposes the necessary legal framework to over-see the functioning of the Private Security Agencies.